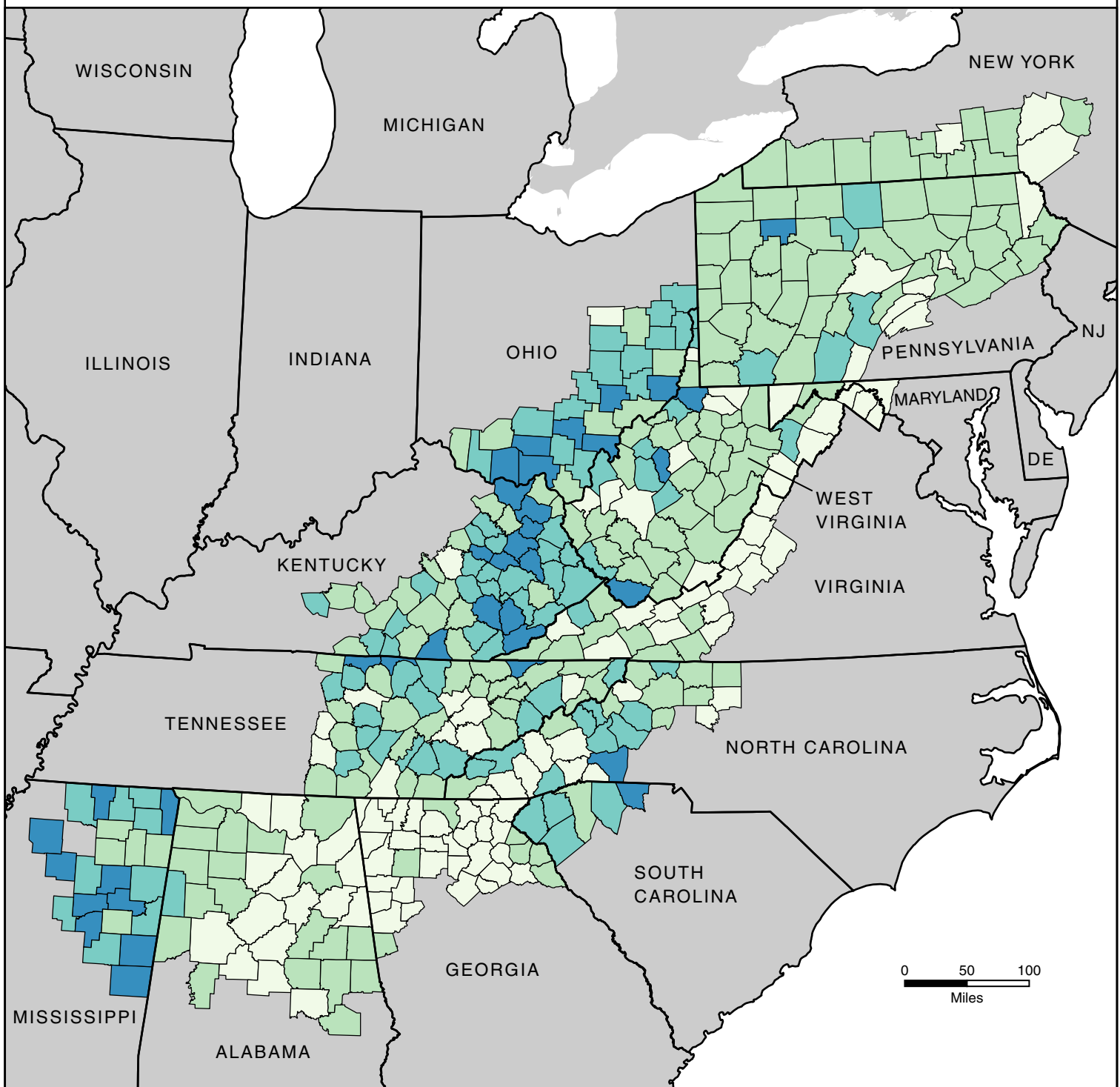
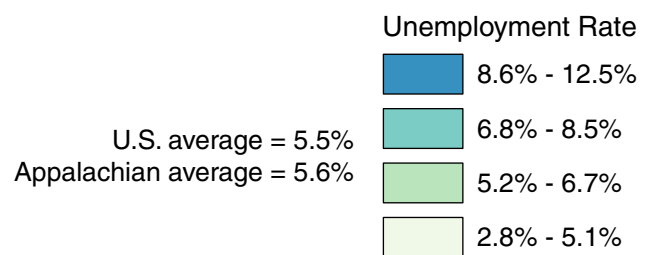


Three-Year Average Unemployment Rates in Appalachia, 2003-2005

(County Rates)



A three-year average unemployment rate is a measure of long-term structural unemployment. It is calculated by dividing the three-year sum of persons unemployed by the three-year sum of the civilian labor force. The map uses natural breaks in the distribution to organize the data into groups of common values.



U.S. average = 5.5%

Appalachian average = 5.6%

(Natural Breaks Classification)